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Status of Claims

Claims 4-6, 8, 10, 12, and 15-16 have been previously cancelled. Claims 1, 7, 9, 11 and 13-14 have been cancelled herein. Accordingly, Claims 2 and 3 are now pending in this application. Claim 2 has been amended. It is respectfully submitted that there is no addition of new matter.

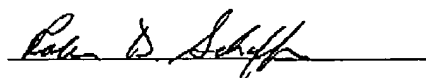
Claim Objections

Claim 2 has been amended in full accordance with the helpful suggestion of the Examiner in the paragraph entitled "Allowable Subject Matter".

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and passage to issue are therefore respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss any still outstanding matter with respect to the present application. Please charge or credit any fees associated with the paper to deposit account no. 50-3355.

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